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# Legislative Update

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## House Unveils Bill to Fund the Government Until December 20

**Snapshot:** Over the weekend, House Republicans unveiled a continuing resolution (CR) that would fund the government until December 20. The House is set to vote on the CR tomorrow, and if passed, the Senate would vote by the end of the week, cutting it close to the September 30 deadline. Members of Congress will be home in October, presenting an opportunity for the Aging Network to remind them of why funding for OAA programs is critical. Use [our advocacy tools](#) to reach out!

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Members of Congress returned to the nation's capital just a few weeks ago with FY 2025 appropriations at the top of mind given a looming September 30 deadline to avert a government shutdown. Over the weekend, House Republicans unveiled a three-month stopgap spending bill set to fund the government until December 20, punting longer-term spending decisions until after the November 5 election. House members plan to vote on this CR on Wednesday, but many House Republicans are expected to oppose the CR, further forcing the need for bipartisan cooperation, as Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) would need Democratic votes to get the measure passed. Should the House pass this CR, the Senate would then look to quickly pass it by the end of the week. However, should the Senate not come into agreement before then, it is likely the decision on the CR would spill into the weekend, cutting it close to the September 30 deadline.

As a refresher, the House and Senate released their FY 2025 proposed bills over the summer with the House bill including increases to Older Americans Act (OAA) Title III B, III E and Title VI but with cuts to other key aging programs (OAA Title III C1 and C2 Nutrition Services programs, Adult Protective Services and the OAA's Title V, the Senior Community Service Employment Program). The Senate bill rejected House-proposed cuts and included level-funding for OAA programs. See USAging's [appropriations chart](#) for a refresher.

## Next Steps

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As Congress moves to buy more time to negotiate FY 2025 appropriations, our goal remains to keep the House increases to OAA Title III B, III E and Title VI, with the Senate's better recommendations for the other priorities in the final bill. Members of Congress will be home in their states and local districts throughout October until the November election. Election outcomes will be a key factor in a final bill being

passed before the end of the year or punted into the next Congress.

**With your Representatives and Senators coming home in less than a week, now is the time to engage them in person to remind them of why funding for OAA programs is critical!** Please use [USAging's FY 2025 appropriations campaign page](#) for additional advocacy resources and guidance on how to engage your Members of Congress!

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**This Legislative Update is a USAging membership benefit.** For more information about these and other federal aging policy issues, please contact USAging's policy team: Amy Gotwals, Olivia Umoren and Seth Ickes at [policy@usaging.org](mailto:policy@usaging.org), 202.872.0888.

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